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FROM AMBASSADOR WATSON PAIS 1436
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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PHONE CALL. WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT
IN THE PRESS LAST NIGHT SO THAT ALL THE MEDIA THIS MORNING, BOTH
NEWS BROADCASTS AND PRESS, COMMENTED ON BLOUNT'S SPEECH BUT ALSO
THE FACT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATE S AND THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PRIVATELY. DISCUSSED IT BRIEFLY
WITH POMPIDOU WHO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT ACTION
OF WASHINGTON IN LETTING US KNOW IN TIME TO DULL THE BLOW.

I AM GOING TO MARSEILLES THURSDAY WITH TEAM AND EXPERI-
MENTAL MACHINE. WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

WATSON

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